GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5598
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VIOLATION OF ARMS ACT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that All India Muslim League distributed Panchshuls to its activities in the country;

(b) if so, whether this weapon called Panchtan Pak resembles Trishul flaunted by the Hindutwa outfits;

(c) if so, whether it is true that the blades of Panchatan Pak have been deliberately kept shorter than 9 inches to avoid violation of Arms Act; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Centre/States to curb such armed religious activism by fundamentalists?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSO PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a): As per the available information the Indian Union Muslim League had organized a press conference on 13.3.2003 at Mumbai, where the idea of distribution of `Panchshul` was mooted. However these Panchshuls have not been prepared or distributed so far.

(b), (c) & (d): Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.